

Genius and Degeneration.

It is a strange fact, however, and one not noticed by Lombroso or any other writer, as far as I know, that mechanical geniuses, or those who, for the most part, deal with material fact, do not, as a rule, show any signs of degeneration. I have only to instance Darwin, Galileo, Edison, Watts, Rumsey, Howe and Morse to prove the truth of this assertion. It is only the genius of estheticism, the genius of emotions, that is generally accompanied by unmistakable signs of degeneration. Swinburne's poems show clearly the mental bias of their author, who is described as being peculiar and eccentric. Many of the men of genius who have assisted in making the history of the world have been the victims of epilepsy: Julius Caesar, military leader, statesman, politician and author, was an epileptic. Twice, on the field of battle, he was stricken down by this disorder. On one occasion, while seated at the tribune, he was unable to rise when the senators, consuls and praetors paid him a visit of ceremony and honor. They were offended at his seeming lack of respect, and retired showing signs of anger. Caesar returned home, stripped off his clothes and offered his throat to be cut by any one. He then explained his conduct to the senate, saying that he was the victim of a malady which, at times, rendered him incapable of standing.

Many men of genius have suffered from spasmodic and choreic movements, notably Lenoir, Montesquieu, Buffon, Dr. Johnson, Sauterlin, Crevillon, Lombardi, Thomas Campbell, Carducci, Napoleon and Socrates. Suicide, essentially a symptom of mental disorder, has hurried many a man of genius out into the unknown. The list begins with such eminent men as Zeno, Cleanthes, Dionysius, Lucan and Stipio, and contains the names of such immortals as Chatterton, Blount, Haydon, Clive and David. Alcoholism and morphinism, or an uncontrollable desire for alcohol or opium in some form or other, are now recognized as evidences of degeneration. Men of genius, both in the old world and in the new, have shown this form of degeneration. Among the men and women of genius of the old world who abused the use of alcohol and opium were Coleridge, James Thomson, Carew, Sheridan, Steele, Addison, Hoffman, Charles Lamb; Madame de Staël, Byron, Savage, Alfred de Musset, Kleist, Caracat, Jan Steen, Morland Turner (the painter), Gerard de Nerval, Hartley Coleridge, Dussak, Handel, Gluck, Praga, Rovani and the poet Somerville. This list is by no means complete, as the well-informed reader may see at a glance, yet it serves to show, however, how very often this form of degeneration makes its appearance in men of genius. In men of genius the moral sense is sometimes obtunded, if not altogether absent. Sallust, Seneca and Bacon were suspected felons. Rousseau, Byron, Foscolo and Casanova were grossly immoral, while Casanova, the gifted mathematician, was a common swindler. Murat, Rousseau, Wagner, Clement, Diderot and Praga were sexual perverts. Genius, like insanity, lives in a world of its own, hence we find few, if any, evidences of human affliction in men of genius.

Dr. Johnson, who was a sufferer from folie du doute, had to touch every part he passed. If he missed one, he had to retrace his steps and touch it. Again, if he started out of a door on the wrong foot, he would return and make another attempt, starting out on the foot which he considered the correct one to use. Napoleon counted and added up the rows of windows in every street through which he passed. A celebrated statesman, who is a personal friend of the writer, can never bear to place his foot on a crack in the pavement or floor. When walking, he will carefully step over and beyond all cracks or crevices. This idiosyncrasy annoys him greatly, but the impulse is imperative, and he cannot resist it. Those who have been intimately associated with men of genius have noticed that they are very frequently amnesic or "absent-minded." Newton once tried to pull his niece's finger into the bowl of his pipe, and Rovelio would lecture on some subject for hours at a time, and then conclude by saying: "But this is one of my areas which I tell to no one." One of his students would then whisper what he had just said into his ear, and Rovelio would believe that his pupil had discovered the arcana by his own sagacity, and would best him not to divulge what he himself had just told to two hundred persons.

We must not confound genius and talent—the two are widely different. Genius is essentially original and spontaneous, while talent is to some extent acquired. Genius is an abnormality, but one for which the world should be devoutly grateful. Psychos, in the case of genius, is not uniformly developed, one part, being more favored than the others, absorbs and uses more than its share of that element, whatever it be, which goes to make up intellectuality, hence less favored or less acquisitive parts show degeneration. Why genius should exist in one of the unexplained phenomena of nature, but that it is the result of natural causes I have not the slightest doubt.—*W. B. P.*

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"The Theologian's hell," says a recent writer "is a place where an utterly just and merciful deity roasts poor wretches expiatingly, for slight errors of doctrine."

Jury Hits the Church.

The Union County (N. J.) Grand Jury yesterday brought in a presentment against churches and societies that run lotteries at their fairs and festivals. The Grand Jury also handed in sixty-eight indictments. The reading of the presentment caused a surprise in the courtroom. It was as follows:

"We find upon investigation that the particular case concerning a lottery alluded to by His Honor, Justice Van Syckel, in his charge to us upon the opening day of this term, was not within our jurisdiction.

"After a careful consideration of the entire subject, we have concluded to bring into court this presentment of facts:

"The Constitution of our State absolutely prohibits lotteries, and our courts have held that the distribution of presents or prizes at public exhibitions, or entertainments, by chance, is a lottery. The Revised Statutes of our State declare that 'all lotteries for money, goods, wares, &c., &c., shall be, and are hereby adjudged to be common and public nuisances' and the statutes further provide that if any person shall either sell or offer to sell any ticket or change in any lottery he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, for which he may be imprisoned in the State prison for a term of one year. Our courts have also held that any place in which illegal practices are carried on (such as holding a lottery) becomes a public nuisance, and may be indicted as a disorderly house, and those who in any wise contribute by their services or presence in conducting such an establishment may themselves be indicted for keeping a disorderly house.

"We believe that churches, clubs and societies formed for the purpose of improving the moral tone of their members or patrons are the most flagrant offenders against lottery laws in our country. Within the past few days it has been publicly announced in one of the Elizabeth papers that at a church fair to be held in the near future, \$500 worth of stock is to be raffled off.

"In order to stop such practices and to give ample notice to all of our citizens, that those who engage therein are liable to indictment, we have determined to make this presentment and refrain from presenting indictments.

"We particularly address ourselves to the clergymen and officers of the various churches in this county who have heretofore violated this law, and who contemplate further violations thereof, and call their attention to the inconsistency of any crusade against pool-rooms or races while they, under the cloak of religion, are permitting equally unlawful practices to be carried on for their own pecuniary benefit, thereby to some extent justifying the opinion of some that if the pool-rooms and races were run for the benefit of these offending churches, the practice would have been overlooked.

The matter causes quite a commotion in church circles. It is understood that the church alluded to is St. Patrick's, at Elizabethport, where five shares of Consolidated Traction Company stock was to be raffled off at \$1 a chance at a fair soon to be held.—*N. Y. World.*

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MASTER'S SALES.

FOR NOVEMBER, 1894.

State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

John C. Hunter, adm'r of Henry L. Goss, vs.

Ida. W. Goss, et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case dated July 3rd, 1894, by His Honor Judge R. C. Watts, I will sell at Union before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th Nov. 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that parcel of land situated in said County and State, beginning at a rock XIII (new) on the Howell's ferry road and running south 42° W. 34.00 chains to Jones Spring, south 7° north 23.00 to a rock X (new) on spring branch, thence south 20° west 14.40 chains to a willow on west bank of Gilkey's Creek, Sand Creek being the line from the Jones' Spring to said Creek, thence south 61°, east 12° chains to a sweet gum on Young's land, thence south 71°, east 8.50 to a stake, thence south 46°, east 7.60 to a stake, thence north 13°, east 10.50 to a W. oak, thence north 53°, east 2.50 to a poplar on said creek, thence down the creek 15.50 chains to the mouth of Mine branch, thence up said branch 34.00 ch to hickory near spring, thence north 57°, west 25.50 ch., P. O. thence up old road 23.00 ch to the beginning, containing two hundred acres, more or less, and bounded on north and west by Hughes' land, south by Young's land, east by lands of George Brown, formerly by lands of John Tolleson, deceased, and being the same tract of land bought by me from Charles Petty on the 12th January 1878.

TERMS OF SALE.

One half cash, balance on a credit of one month, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold.

Purchaser to have the privilege of paying whole of bid in cash.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, October 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

Julia P. Smith, vs.

Henry Smith, et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that tract of land lying, being and situate in Bogansville township, Union County, State of South Carolina, containing fifty-five (55) acres, more or less, and known as the Bogansville tract, bounded by lands of E. F. Smith, West Mining Company and J. F. Smith.

TERMS OF SALE.

One half cash, balance on a credit of one year, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay for papers.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, Oct. 13, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

Bettie West, vs.

Rachel West, et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that certain tract of land lying, being and situate in Bogansville Township, Union County, State of South Carolina, containing one hundred acres, more or less, known as the Blasingame tract, bounded by lands of B. W. West, and lands formerly of A. W. Thomson.

TERMS OF SALE.

One half cash, balance on a credit of one year with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay for papers.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, Oct. 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

Joseph H. McKissick, Administrator of Thomas J. Orr, deceased, Plaintiff, vs.

Jefferson D. Orr, and M. Bessie Orr, Defendants.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge Ernest Gary, dated March 14th, 1894, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, the following described lands to-wit, lying in Goodwiesville Township, County and State aforesaid:

One certain tract of land containing twenty-six acres, more or less, with dwelling and improvements thereon, bounded by public road, N. by T. D. Littlejohn, E. by tract No. 2, containing 175 acres, S. by Littlejohn and Warmouth, and having the following corners and distances, beginning at a Chestnut XIII on the North side, corner of tract 2, and running N. 88° W. 5.25 to R. O. Hill, (at Road); thence S. 22° W. 26.00 (along public road) to stake, thence S. 65° E. 6.50 to stake at head of branch, (see Plat book, p. 199) S. 41° E. 8.00 to Ash, XIII, thence N. 61° E. 32.50 to beginning corner.

Also

One-third interest in the tract of land known as the Cohen land, (two-thirds of said tract belonging to the Defendant, Jefferson D. Orr) containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, more or less, and having the following corners and distances (by deed J. Littlejohn to Thomas Cohen) beginning at a Chestnut XIII and running N. 73° E. 31.00 to P. O. XIII, S. 33° E. 29.00 to B. O. XIII, S. 134° E. 2.00 to B. O. XIII, S. 43° to 30.50 to Poplar XIII, thence up the branch 32.50 to Ash, XIII, thence S. 31° E. 32.50 to beginning corner, and bounded North and East by T. D. Littlejohn and J. J. Mabry, W. by tract No. 1 (25 acres) South by J. S. Littlejohn.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, October 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

J. H. McKissick, as Clerk of Court, as adm'r of

B. F. Eison, vs.

Carrie Eison, et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th November 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that parcel of land containing one hundred and sixty-eight and two-thirds acres, more or less, on Tiger River, and bounded by lands now, or late of John Fish-hop, Thomas Ray, W. H. Gist and others.

TERMS OF SALE.

One third cash—balance on a credit of one and two years, with interest from day of sale, the credit portion to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises. Purchaser to pay for papers.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, October 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

J. W. Tolleson, vs.

Rebecca Osmont, et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case dated July 3rd, 1894, by His Honor Judge R. C. Watts, I will sell at Union before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th Nov. 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that parcel of land situated in said County and State, beginning at a rock XIII (new) on the Howell's ferry road and running south 42° W. 34.00 chains to Jones Spring, south 7° north 23.00 to a rock X (new) on spring branch, thence south 20° west 14.40 chains to a willow on west bank of Gilkey's Creek, Sand Creek being the line from the Jones' Spring to said Creek, thence south 61°, east 12° chains to a sweet gum on Young's land, thence south 71°, east 8.50 to a stake, thence south 46°, east 7.60 to a stake, thence north 13°, east 10.50 to a W. oak, thence north 53°, east 2.50 to a poplar on said creek, thence down the creek 15.50 chains to the mouth of Mine branch, thence up said branch 34.00 ch to hickory near spring, thence north 57°, west 25.50 ch., P. O. thence up old road 23.00 ch to the beginning, containing two hundred acres, more or less, and bounded on north and west by Hughes' land, south by Young's land, east by lands of George Brown, formerly by lands of John Tolleson, deceased, and being the same tract of land bought by me from Charles Petty on the 12th January 1878.

TERMS OF SALE.

One half cash, balance on a credit of one year, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold.

Purchaser to have the privilege of paying whole of bid in cash.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, October 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

Julia P. Smith, vs.

Henry Smith, et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that tract of land lying, being and situate in Bogansville township in said county, containing fifty-five (55) acres, more or less, and known as the Bogansville tract, bounded by lands of E. F. Smith, West Mining Company and J. F. Smith.

TERMS OF SALE.

One half cash, balance on a credit of one year, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay for papers.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, Oct. 13, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

Francis M. Farr, as Administrator, with will annexed of Wm. Eller, deceased, and Mary Eller, vs.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell before the Court House door, at Union, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, during the legal hours of sale the following lands, to-wit:

All that certain lot of land and the buildings thereon, in the Town of Union, County and State aforesaid, on the east side of church street, bounded by lands of W. R. Davis, and of W. A. Robinson.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold. Purchaser to pay for papers.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, October 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

Gedfrey B. Fowler, vs.

J. H. McKissick, Adm'r with the will annexed of J. H. Fowler, et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge T. B. Frazer, dated 5th October 1894, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th Nov. 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that certain tract of land situated in Bogansville Township, in said County, beginning on a stone near a chestnut stump, thence S. 72° E. 39.25 to a stone, thence N. 79° E. 12.09 chain to a stone in branch bank, N. 9° W. 10, a stone near the creek, thence N. 31° W. 13.75 to post oak, thence N. 34° W. yard, thence N. 63° W. 20.50 to a stone near the branch, thence S. 46° W. 39 to the beginning; and bounded by J. H. Foster, Joshua G. Hames and others, containing ninety acres.

TERMS OF SALE.

One half cash, balance on a credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises sold.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, Oct. 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

Alfred H. Foster, Adm'r Henry S. Beatty, deceased, Plaintiff, vs.

Frances M. Farr, Adm'r with will annexed of William Eller, deceased, and Mary Eller, Defendants.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor Judge T. B. Frazer, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, during the legal hours of sale, the following lands, to-wit:

All that lot of land, with the house thereon, situate in the town of Union, on the south side of Main street and adjoining lands of the Spartanburg & Union Railroad Company and by lot of John Church, this lot will be divided and sold in two lots.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises. Purchaser to pay for papers.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, Oct. 13, 1894.

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The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

The Union Building and Loan Association, of Union, S.C., and Benjamin F. Bailey, against

Henry Gist.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case, by His Honor, Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, the following lands, to-wit:

All that certain tract or lot of land containing two hundred and forty acres, more or less, situate in Union County, State aforesaid, and bounded on the North by lands of E. Bailey, on the West by Fair Forest river, and on the South and East by lands of J. H. Gault and E. Bailey, being a part of the Robt. Woodson tract purchased at Sheriff's sale by J. T. Hill & Co., on the 3d of January 1876.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold. Purchaser to pay for papers.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, October 13th, 1894.

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

J. C. Hunter as adm'r of H. L. Goss, Plaintiff, vs.

C. S. Greer et al.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case by His Honor, Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell at Union, before the Court House door, during the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, 5th November 1894, the following lands to-wit:

All that tract of land containing five hundred and fifty-nine acres more or less, situated, lying and being about five miles south west of Union County, House, on the Savilla Road, bounded by lands of R. W. Harris and T. J. Harris, Giles Woodson, Fair Forest Creek, lands belonging to estate of William Humphries, lands of Margaret Humphries and others, being the lands formerly owned by Mary Young, together with the tract formerly owned by William Munro.

TERMS OF SALE.

One third cash, balance on a credit of one and two years, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises.

C. H. PEAKE, Master for Union County. Master's Office, October 13th, 1894.

State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF UNION.

Court of Common Pleas.

The Union Building and Loan Association, vs.

Francis M. Farr, as Administrator, with will annexed of Wm. Eller, deceased, and Mary Eller.

IN obedience to an order made in the above stated case, by His Honor, Judge T. B. Frazer, I will sell before the Court House door, at Union, on Saturday, 5th November, 1894, during the legal hours of sale the following lands, to-wit:

All that certain lot of land and the buildings thereon, in the Town of Union, County and State aforesaid, on the east side of church street, bounded by lands of W. R. Davis, and of W